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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF 24 (C-24): PUERTO RICO

1. YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR BELOVSKI WAS INVITED TO DEPT ON AUGUST 30 FOR MEETING WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY (IO) MAYNES TO DISCUSS C-24 CONSIDERATION OF STATUS OF PUERTO RICO.

2. MAYNES STATED THAT US VIEWS REGARDING NON-COMPETENCE OF C-24 TO CONSIDER STATUS OF PUERTO RICO WERE WELL KNOWN AND HAD NOT CHANGED, BUT THAT WE WISHED TO AVOID CONFRONTATIONAL DEBATE OVER THE ISSUE. HE INDICATED THAT TIMING OF POSSIBLE C-24 VOTE ON CUBAN RESOLUTION WAS VERY BAD, COMING ON VERY DAY THAT INTEREST SECTIONS SCHEDULED TO OPEN IN HAVANA AND WASHINGTON AND ON EVE OF CONGRESSIONAL CONSIDERATION OF PANAMA CANAL TREATIES. MAYNES SAID WE

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HAD SEEN TWO PROPOSED CONSENSUS STATEMENTS, EITHER OF WHICH WOULD AVOID A VOTE THIS YEAR WITHOUT REQUIRING ANY PARTY TO ABANDON IMPORTANT POSITION OF PRINCIPLE. MAYNES EXPRESSED HOPE THAT YUGOSLAV DELEGATION WOULD WORK FOR CONSENSUS STATEMENT WITHIN C-24 AS BEST WAY OF AVOIDING UNDESIRABLE CONFRONTATIONAL DEBATE.

3. BELOVSKI RESPONDED AT HIGH LEVEL OF GENERALIZATION,

CALLING FOR CONSULTATION BETWEEN YUGOSLAVIA AND USG,  
BOTH HERE AND IN NEW YORK. HE EMPHASIZED THAT  
YUGOSLAVIA HAD NEVER TAKEN THE LEAD ON THE PUERTO RICO  
QUESTION, BUT THAT IT FELT THE NEED TO GO ALONG WITH  
NON-ALIGNED POSITIONS ON THE SUBJECT. BELOVSKI STATED  
THAT THERE WAS AN EVOLUTION OF THE YUGOSLAV POSITION  
AND POINTED TO YUGOSLAVIA'S ABSTENTION IN THE 1975 C-24  
VOTE AND PARTICIPATION IN THE 1976 CONSENSUS AS EVIDENCE  
THAT YUGOSLAVIA TRIES TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION USG  
CONCERNS.

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